Development/Promotion of textiles industry in Uttaranchal

885. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the details of steps being taken by Government for rapid development and promotion of textiles industry in backward and hilly State" of Uttaranchal where the poverty is on its peak?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): Apart from the schemes for the promotion and development of the textile industry *viz.* Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), High-tech Weaving Parks and Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP), the benefit of which are available to all States/Union Territories, including Uttaranchal, the Schemes in the following sub-sectors — Handicrafts, Handlooms, Wool and Sericulture have more relevance to the State of Uttaranchal. The details of the important schemes and funds released for their implementation in Uttaranchal are as follows;

(i) Handicrafts

SI N	Name of the Scheme	Funds released from 2002-03 to 2004-05
1.	Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna'	Rs. 2.42 Cr.
2.	Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme	
3.	Special Handicrafts Training Programme	
4.	Marketing Support & Service Scheme	

(ii) Handlooms

SI N	Name of the Scheme	Funds released from 2002-03 to 2004-05
1.	Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojna	Rs. 1.59 Cr.
2.	Design Development and Training Programme	
3.	Integrated Handloom Training Project	
4.	Weavers Welfare Scheme	
5.	Health Insurance Scheme	
6.	Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojna	
7.	Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme I	

(iii) Wool

SI. No.	Name of the Scheme	Funds released from 2002-03 to 2004-05
1.	Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme	Rs. 1.41 Cr.
2.	Integrated Angora Wool Development Project	

(iv) Silk

SI. No.	Name of the Scheme	Funds released from 2002-03 to 2004-05
1.	Catalytic Development Programme	Rs. 4.43 Cr.

Share of Indian textile industry in international market

886. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any new initiatives for expanding share of Indian textile industry in international markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the main reasons and obstacles for enhancing textile exports in the country; and

(d) how Government are going to tackle these problems for the benefit of textile industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The Government has been taking a number of steps from time to time for the benefit of the Indian textile industry including increasing share in international markets. Some of the important initiatives taken are given as under:—

i) 100% Foreign Direct Investment is allowed in the textile sector under the automatic route.

ii) The Government has de-reserved the readymade garments, hosiery and knitwear from the SSI sector.

iii) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been made operational from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector.